

(b) and (c) Nil. (d)

Does not arise.

Financial resources for the development of Telecommunication Services

^f4163. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the action plan formulated for the comprehensive development of communication services in the country during the ensuing decade; and
- (b) whether any draft proposal has been formulated by Government for raising financial resources for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The New Telecom Policy 1999 formulates the Government's policy for the development of Telecom Services in the country. The action plan is being formulated as per the Perspective Plan in Telecommunications Services (2000—2010) prepared by the Ministry of Communications. Details are as per enclosed Statement (*See below*).

(b) The Perspective Plan of Telecom Sector anticipates that fund requirement in the Sector would be Rs. 386460 crore during 2000—2010. With the policy to encourage private sector participation, it is anticipated that further financial resources will flow into this sector.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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RAJYA SABHA

Statement

Projected Status of Direct Exchange Line (DEL), Internet and Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN)

Year	DEL	(AU figures in Lakh)	
		Internet	ISDN
2000	284.47 (Actual—285)* 362.47	9.5 (Actual—9.4) 19.0	0.15 (Actual—0.15) 0.30
2001	(Actual—356)*	(Actual—25.0 upto Dec. 2000)	(Actual—0.29 38.0 upto Jan. 01)
	453.47		0.60
2002			
2003	543.47	76.0	0.90
2004	651.47	114.0	1.35
2005	778.47	171.0	2.0
2006	930.47	257.0	3.0
2007	1101.47	385.0	4.5
2008	1292.47	578.0	6.75
2009	1508.47	722.0	8.45
2010	1745.47	902.0	10.55

*including Cellular Phones.

Opening of Post Offices in Arunachal Pradesh villages

4164. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have completed their target to open Post Offices in all the rural areas of Arunachal Pradesh;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) by when Post Offices are likely to be set up in all the villages of Arunachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) Postal services of delivery and collection of mails are provided to all the rural areas in Arunachal Pradesh. The Ninth Five Year Plan has a target for opening 33 post offices in Arunachal Pradesh. Of this, 21